

Anti-Slavery office, 21 Cornhill.

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My dear Sir,

There has ~~always~~ always been an attractive-  
ness, to me, in the informal, extempore-looking sheets, &  
pieces of paper, on which you inscribed your thoughts for the  
benefit of your Yankee correspondents. And you see I am  
imitating you in the selection of paper. The fact is, there  
is an excellent & friendly printer in our neighbourhood,  
whose love to the Anti-Slavery Cause leads him to put  
aside, from day to day, such sheets of paper, ~~unsuitable~~  
~~for the press~~, as ~~would~~ are scarcely fitted to be bound  
up in ledgers, mem<sup>o</sup>. books, and the like, - but which  
are nevertheless very good sheets of paper - and, from  
the accumulation of them, keeps ~~our~~ Mr. Garrison,  
and several others, as well as this office, well  
supplied with material of this ~~sort~~ sort; much of it  
very suitable for <sup>letter</sup> use, except when a formal letter  
is required. It is precisely on one of these pieces  
of paper that I am now writing, and I am sure  
you will forgive it, for the sake of the laugh you will  
have at our Anti-Slavery Economics.

It was with pleasure that I received your note,  
containing some little commissions, &c. The Subscribers'  
names, to be removed from the Liberator list. I gave  
to Mr. Wallcut, who said that one of the names (that of  
Arthur Shepley, Dublin) had been removed from the list  
several weeks previously.

Ware's Works, in 4 neat 12mo. vols., sell for \$3. here.  
The publisher would have let me have a set for \$2.67,  
~~book~~ (trade-price), but no lower. I did not feel warranted



in taking them, as you had said §2.

I gave your message to J. N. Buffum, touching the books for Miss Boutcher. He said he should write, or had written, to you about it.

Your statement about Henry Clapp I have showed to Buffum, Garrison, and some other. We had no doubt that his boasting was a sham, for his whole life is little better, according to the most correct judgment I have been able to ~~un~~form of the man; and your letter confirms the opinion, so far as relates to his intercourse with yourself and Mr. Haughton. Clapp has talent, but is without principles. He courts notoriety, rather than a fair fame. He enjoys a quarrel, and the sole vitality of his paper (the Lynn Pioneer) seems to be derived from his virulent attacks on the Antislavery Organization, on W. L. Garrison, H. C. Wright, J. N. Buffum, &c.

I heartily sympathize in your warm respect & admiration for Mr. Garrison. Fearless, and faithful, and never discouraged, he is a host in himself. There is no quailing in him. I marvel that the disaffection and defection of so many have not soured his spirit, and weakened his hope; but no such effects seem to have followed. He is decidedly improving in health, and so far (only 2 weeks indeed) appears to bear well the renewed labors of editing, &c. The &c. means a good deal in his case. He not only writes editorial matter, but sets up a good deal of matter with his own hands, reads proof, and so on.



I have pleasure in sending you a copy of Theodore Parker Letter, to, on Slavery - just published. Also, a few copies of a little tract, being a Lecture of W. W. Brown, a Fugitive Slave, who has for 6 months past been acting as one of our Agents. It is just the plain kind of talk which I have heard him utter on many occasions; - not a word was written out, but all given extempore & taken down, as you will perceive, by a Phonographic Reporter.

I shall always be happy to serve you, in any way in my power, and hope you will not hesitate to call upon me. My sincerest respects and kindest remembrance to your brother, to Mr. Allen, and Mr. Haughton.

I am, Yours very truly,  
Saml May Jr

I feel loth to let the box go with our Ware's Works, and should send them had you not at first written "about \$2 Dollars", and afterwards erased the "about". Other opportunities, however, will doubtless occur. I doubt somewhat whether you would feel much interest in all the contents of these 4 vols. In some of them, I am sure you would, but I should limit this part to one-half, or even perhaps one-fourth, of the whole.

Richard D. Webb.

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Dublin.